

MESSAGE FOR U.S. CITIZENS

U.S. Embassy, Manila, The Philippines

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THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES IS TRANSMITTING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION THROUGH THE EMBASSY WARDEN SYSTEM AS A PUBLIC SERVICE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE PHILIPPINES. PLEASE DISSEMINATE THIS MESSAGE TO ALL U.S. CITIZENS IN YOUR ORGANIZATION OR NEIGHBORHOOD.

Register and Request your Ballot for Upcoming Primaries and Special Elections

If you want to vote in a Federal Primary or Special Election in March, April or May 2014, you should visit FVAP.gov for information on registering to vote and requesting your absentee ballot according to State deadlines and requirements.

States must provide requested ballots 45 days before an election. If you do not receive your requested State ballot **at least 30 days** before an election prepare, print and sign the backup Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) at FVAP.gov (see FWAB information below).

March Primary and Special Election Dates:

- Texas: March 4
- Florida (Special General Election): March 11
- Illinois: March 18

April Primary Date:

- District of Columbia: April 1

May Primary Dates:

- Indiana: May 6
- North Carolina: May 6
- Ohio: May 6
- West Virginia: May 13
- Nebraska: May 13
- Idaho: May 20
- Georgia: May 20
- Oregon: May 20
- Arkansas: May 20
- Kentucky: May 20
- Pennsylvania: May 20
- Texas (Primary Runoff): May 27

View the complete 2014 Primary Election Calendar at FVAP.gov for more information.

All Uniformed Services members residing outside of their voting jurisdiction, their eligible family members and citizens residing outside the U.S. who are residents of these States and would like to participate in these elections should submit a Federal Post Card Application (FPCA), which acts as a request for voter registration and a request for an absentee ballot. FVAP recommends using the online assistant to prepare, print and sign an FPCA at FVAP.gov.

Be sure you include an email address, phone number and/or fax number on your FPCA in the event your local election official must contact you. Remember, many States allow you to submit your FPCA electronically and are required to deliver your blank ballot electronically (by email or fax) or provide online ballot access. Go to FVAP.gov or your State's election website to see how you can return your forms.

Vote the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB)

The FWAB is a backup ballot. If you have not received your requested State ballot 30 days before the election or you think you will not receive your State ballot in time to return your ballot, prepare and print the FWAB at FVAP.gov. You will then need to sign and submit the FWAB to your local election official. The FWAB is also available in embassies, consulates and military installations around the world.

Additional information

Check your State's election website for specific information on candidates, elections, contact information and links to your local election offices.

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If you would like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or need help with the absentee voting process, please contact FVAP at 1-800-438-8683 or DSN 425-1584 or find more information at FVAP.gov. Your unit or installation voting assistance officers can also provide you with information or assistance.

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The Embassy is located at 1201 Roxas Boulevard, Manila, Philippines and is open 0730-1600, Monday through Friday. The Embassy's main telephone number is (+632) 301-2000. U.S. citizens can dial this number and ask to be connected to the American Citizen Services (ACS) unit or with the Embassy Duty Officer (for calls outside of normal business hours). You can also contact the ACS unit through email at ACSInfoManila@state.gov or through the [Embassy Facebook page](#). Please visit [our website](#) for information on all services offered by the ACS unit.

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in the Philippines enroll in the [Department of State's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) at www.Travel.State.Gov. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the State [Department's website](#), where you can find current [Travel Warnings](#), including the [Travel Warning for the Philippines](#), Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution. Read the [Country Specific Information for the Philippines](#). For additional information, refer to "[A Safe Trip Abroad](#)" on the State Department's website.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#), and download our free [Smart Traveler iPhone App](#) to have travel information at your fingertips.